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SUBJECT: RHODESIA; SECURITY COUNCIL MARCH 17 UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVES RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RHODESIAN RAID INTO ZAMBIA

REF: USUN 953

1. SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLU-
TION (REFTEL) CO-SPONSORED BY SIX NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF

THE COUNCIL CONDEMNING RHODESIAN RAID INTO ZAMBIA. THE COUNCIL HEARD STATEMENTS FROM CHINA, UNITED STATES, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BOLIVIA, USSR, NIGERIA, VENEZUELA, GHANA AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. END SUMMARY.

2. LAI YA-LI (CHINA) IN A BRIEF STATEMENT CONDEMNED THE SMITH REGIME FOR ITS ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA AND AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA. MCHENRY (US) SAID THE US SHARED THE CONCERN OF ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE THAT THE POSSIBLE ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE IN THE REGION NOT ONLY THREATENS THE PEACE THERE BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD AS WELL. THE ARMED ATTACKS IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS ON ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA AND MOZAMBIQUE DEMONSTRATE THE DEGREE OF DANGER. MCHENRY CONTINUED THAT THE DANGER THAT THE SMITH REGIME POSES IN AFRICA CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME WITH AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF ZIMBABWE. HE SAID THE US BELIEVES THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL OFFERS THE BEST HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION. WITH REGARD TO EIGHT ALLEGEDLY US-MANUFACTURED "CHINOOK" HELICOPTERS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE RHODESIAN RAID, MCHENRY SAID HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO STATE "THAT THE US HAS NEVER SUPPLIED NOR AGREED TO A THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLYING, NOR BEEN AWARE OF A THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLYING THE CHINOOK HELICOPTER OR ANY SIMILARLY CONFIGURED HELICOPTER

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TO ANY COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." HE THEN STATED THAT THE US EMBASSY IN LUSAKA HAD OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA IN IDENTIFYING THE DOWNED RHODESIAN HELICOPTERS AND THAT USG IS PREPARED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING THE ORIGIN OF THE HELICOPTERS. HE CLOSED BY STATING THAT THE US SUPPORTS THE TABLED RESOLUTION AND THAT "THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE POSITION WHICH THE US HAS TAKEN ON PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS WHICH MAY BE REFERRED TO IN THAT RESOLUTION."

3. FRANCE AND THE FRG BOTH CONDEMNED THE ACT OF AGGRESSION BY THE SMITH REGIME AND INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BOTH VOTE FAVORABLY ON THE RESOLUTION. CZECHOSLOVAKIA DID LIKEWISE. ANAYA (BOLIVIA) TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE HIS MAIDEN SPEECH -- A LONG, PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT ON THE DANGERS OF NEOCOLONIALISM. "BOLIVIA KNOWS WHAT IT IS TO BE PLUNDERED," HE SAID, AND THEREFORE BOLIVIA REJECTS COLONIALISM IN ALL ITS CURRENT FORMS: "RACISM, ARMS RACES, ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE FEUDAL TENDENCIES OF SOME IN THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS." ANAYA ALSO LASHED OUT AT

THOSE GUILTY OF "DUMPING" TIN INTO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS,
THUS ADVERSELY AFFECTING BOLIVIA "JUST AS BOLIVIA WAS
STRUGGLING TO SET UP A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY." LAPSING
BRIEFLY INTO THE POINT AT ISSUE, ANAYA SAID THAT BOLIVIA
SUPPORTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL BECAUSE
IT REITERATED THE SPIRIT OF RESOLUTION 423 (CONDEMNING

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THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA) AND BECAUSE SOME-

THING MUST BE DONE TO BRING DOWN THE SMITH REGIME.

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4. TROYANOVSKY (USSR) SAID THAT USSR FULLY SUPPORTS THE VIEWS OF ZAMBIA AS EXPRESSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE AND CALLED FOR OIL SANCTIONS TO BRING DOWN THE SMITH REGIME. HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) WAS AGAIN SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE WEST, ESPECIALLY THE UK. "WESTERN POWERS", HE SAID, "HAVE CONSTANTLY RESISTED ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA" TO FORCE AN END TO SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR SMITH. "THE CASE FOR AN OIL EMBARGO," HE CONTINUED, "WAS AS CLEAR AS DAYLIGHT." IF NO ONE ELSE HELPS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN ZIMBABWE, HE SAID, THEY CAN HARDLY BE BLAMED FOR SEEKING HELP "ELSEWHERE". CONCLUDING, HARRIMAN SAID THAT POWER CAN ONLY GAIN RESPECT IF IT IS NOT ABUSED, "AS HAS BEEN BY BRITAIN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." THE WESTERN POWERS, HARRIMAN SAID, OUGHT TO RESPECT FOR A CHANGE THE WISHES OF AFRICA. CARPIO-CASTILLO (VENEZUELA) CONDEMNED THE RHODESIA RAID. BOATEN (GHANA) DID THE SAME, STATING THAT ONLY ARMED STRUGGLE NOW SEEMED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN THE FIGHT TO LIBERATE SOUTHERN AFRICA. PHAM DUONG (VIETNAM), IN A SURPRISINGLY MILD STATEMENT, CONDEMNED BOTH THE RHODESIAN RAID AND THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT EFFORTS OF THE SMITH REGIME.

5. THE COUNCIL THEN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE IT (REFTEL). SPEAKING IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE, RICHARD (UK) REAFFIRMED BRITISH CONDEMNATION OF THE RHODESIAN RAID AND PREACHED TO MEMBERS ON THE NEED FOR "MORE CONSTRUCTIVE" EFFORTS IN THE COUNCIL. HE NOTED THAT BRITAIN'S VOTE FOR THE CURRENT RESOLUTION (NOW SC RESOLUTION 424) IN NO WAY CHANGED BRITAIN'S POSITIONS ON RESOLUTION 423 (CONDEMNING AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA). ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE ENDED COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM BY STATING TO

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THE US THAT THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS STILL INVESTIGATING AND THAT IT WAS QUITE CAPABLE OF IDENTIFYING THE HELICOPTER MARKINGS. HE SAID FURTHER THAT WHEN THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED - THE WORLD WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH. MWALE URGED THE UK TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION AGAINST SMITH. HE CLOSED WITH A "TIMELY, FRIENDLY WARNING FROM THOSE WHO BEAR THE BRUNT" THAT SMITH IS NOT SERIOUS WHEN HE SAYS THAT HE WANTS A NEGOTIATED SETTLE-

MENT IN RHODESIA. YOUNG

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